

STATE OF ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TAYLOR HARDIN SECURE MEDICAL FACILITY

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DR. BARBARA JACKSON ACTING FACILITY DIRECTOR

DATE: 04-01-2016

RE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO FILL A NON-MERIT SYSTEM POSITION

JOB TITLE: Registered Nurse II (Infection Control Nurse)

NUMBER: 16-04

JOB CODE: N3500 **POSITION** #: 8805192

JOB LOCATION: Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility

1301 Jack Warner Parkway, Northeast

Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

SALARY RANGE: 76 (\$50,119.20 - \$65,690.40)

<u>MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS</u>: Graduation from an accredited school of nursing and three (3) years' experience as an RN, <u>or</u> graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in Nursing and two (2) years' experience as an RN.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a certificate of registration to practice nursing as issued by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

KIND OF WORK: This position is a professional position which will serve as the Infection Control Nurse/Employee Health Nurse. Coordinate, direct and administer the hospital-wide Infection Control Department and investigates outbreaks of any infectious disease, serves as co-chairperson of the Environment of Care Committee; responsible for the assessment/review of infection control standards, appropriate for mental health forensic care hospitals; conduct environment surveillance to assure compliance with Infection Control guidelines and participates in disaster preparedness for THSMF and the community at large; Collect/analyze data of infection in patients and hospital staff; completing annual rick assessments; reporting communicable disease incidents involving patients and staff to local, State, and Federal Public Health Authorities; assist Staff Development in assessing infection control training needs; Serve as the Employee Health Nurse to include coordination of pre-employment physicals, TB screens, monitoring employee health issues, facilitate employee health programs and maintaining related records; coordinates the annual influenza vaccination program; provide individual or group education related to infection control; communicates responsibilities about preventing and controlling infections to licensed independent practitioners, staff, visitors, patients, and families; serve on designated committees reporting infection surveillance, prevention, and control information to the appropriate staff within the hospital and actively participate in the Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) and other related continuing education opportunities; keeps the Facility Director, Medical Director, Clinical Director, and the Director of Nursing informed of any infection control issues; and performs other duties as assigned to maintain efficient and effective operation of the Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility and enhance the quality of care given to psychiatric patients admitted to the hospital.

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REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing, ability to interact with many types of people; patients, peers, supervisors, public, etc., in delicate or tense situations, self-controlled sufficiently to act independently, to take charge, to moderate risk in situations not covered by existing procedure, ability to make decisions as needed, evaluate effectiveness of the Infection Control Plan and training programs and establish priorities, ability to provide education to patients and staff, ability to combine information for various sources to produce new ideas or solutions, knowledge of infection control regulations and guidelines, ability, knowledge, and skills using computer.

<u>METHOD OF SELECTION</u>: Applicants will be rated on the basis of an evaluation of their training, experience and education, and should provide adequate work history identifying experiences related to the duties and minimum qualifications as mentioned above. All relevant information is subject to verification. Drug screening required. Security Clearances will be conducted on prospective applicants being given serious consideration for employment and whose job requires direct contact with clients.

HOW TO APPLY: Use an Application for Professional Employment, which may be obtained from this office. Application should be returned to the Personnel Office (at the address above) by <u>04-15-16</u> in order to be considered for this position. Do not return this application to the State Personnel Department. Copies of all licenses should be forwarded with your application. *A COPY OF OFFICIAL COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPT FROM COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDED SHOULD ALSO BE FORWARDED TO THE PERSONNEL OFFICE (AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE). JCAHO ACCREDITED/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

"Only work experience detailed on the application form will be considered. Additional sheets, if needed, should be in the same format as the application. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of an official application."

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